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Toronto, May 16th 1919

Dear Mr. President

am returning Mr. Crosan's letter.

I have letters of application from Mr. Hamilton but have not met him as yet.

I am arranging an interview for Monday evening the 19th inst.

Yours sincerely

Jas. W. Barton

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May 13, 1919

President Falconer
The University of Toronto

Dear Mr. President:

The matter of my future work at the University will come before you shortly, and I wish to give you a few of my ideas concerning the same;

Major Dr. Barton has suggested to me that I give my time to teaching the women, and Dean Pakenham is in favor of the same, as I have had so much experience in that line, and being of an age capable of handling such work with more decision than a younger man could possibly expected to do.

Now in this last connection I have found it to have been a terrible strain to pass the Faculty of Education girls by the end of March to my satisfaction. They passed the requirements, but another month's tuition would make their work very much more satisfactory to myself and the girls. Many of the girls were never in the water before they came to my classes. Many of them had had very adverse experience in the water, such as a near drowning accident; so that it took me a long time to get them over their fear of the water before I could advance them in the work.

My object is not to draw a salary in order to live, but to accomplish work to the entire satisfaction of the Dean of the Faculty of Education; yourself; the Board of Governor's; the parents of the young women who are my pupils and of everyone concerned in the physical welfare of the young women students of the University.

As I write, I have before me a photo of a group of young women whom I taught some years ago at the y. W. C. A., Dayton, who were my pupils two years ago in an open competition against all the clubs in this country, and they beat or outclassed every other women's swimming club, and today they have sent me in gratitude not only their photo but a gold medal.

And I look forward to the day when Toronto and Canadian girls will come up to the very highest standard set in women's swimming events in the world. They are there now, but nobody but myself knows that because of the very limited space

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for onlookers afforded at the pool at the Household Science Building. In future I expect to use the Hart House for the competitive events

I wish to register a most positive objection to the University employing Mr. Hamilton of the West End Y. M. C. A. for the purpose of teaching the men at the Hart House. His system is out of date, and in open competition his men have never won a single event against Central Y. M. C. A. boys. And against the young men whom I have trained up at the Brooklyn Central Y. M. C. A. and other organizations his pupils wouls make a most wretched show as the poorest of mine would beat the best of his men. Their time at 100 yard and 500 yard races can tell the tale. As you well know for some years I have not had any men to teach in Toronto so I have to refer for comparison to this country . There is absolutely nothing against Mr. Harvey Hamilton's character, it is his absurd out-of-date system that I object to, as I wish the University boys to excel at swimming, I therefore register that objection.

There is one other applicant, a Mr. Winterburn of the Central Y. M. C. A. of whom I will say that I agree with his system. He is a former pupil of my son's, who gave him his training at the Y. M. C. A. Summer School at Orillia. The only objection to him is that he has had a nervous breakdown all winter and is not strong as he should be for the work.

I believe that my eldest son sent in his application. If he has, he has done it on his own initiative. He will run the work in his own way and will run it his own way, as he is quite capable of doing. My influence over him is nil, as he has so much experience while working in every city in this country, as well as at the Detroit Athletic Club that he manages all his affairs himself. His chief fault is that he is too serious. If he would smile more at the men he would be liked better. All men are human and like you to sympathize with their ambitions. He reminds me of the late Prof. Frazer, my former teacher at Upper Canada College, too serious but a very good teacher.

I am,

Most respectfully
Yours very sincerely, G. H. Corsan

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SECRETARY'S OFFICE, HART HOUSE

Oct. 30th 1919

President Falconer,
University of Toronto,
Dear Sir,

I would suggest that Mr. G. H. Corsan, be appointed swimming instructor for the women of the University for the Session 1919 - 20.

Yours sincerely
Jas. W. Barton
Phy. Dir.

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SECRETARY'S OFFICE, HART HOUSE

Toronto,
December
Tenth,
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The President,
University of Toronto,
Toronto.

Dear Mr. President,

I beg to notify you that, in accordance with the permission granted by the Board of Governors, we have engaged Mr. William Rimmer as Assistant in the Locker Room from December 1st., at the rate of One hundred dollars ($100.) per month, and would request you to ask the Board to ratify the appointment.

Yours very truly,

Jas. A. Barton
Physical Director.

Is this sessional or not? If so, in what month is last payment to be made?
11/12/19. G.

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SECRETARY'S OFFICE, HART HOUSE

Toronto,
January 15.
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Sir Robert Falconer,
President,
University of Toronto,
Toronto.

Dear Sir Robert,

I have your communication with enclosures from Sir Herbert Ames, which I am returning herewith.

I have gone over Commander Coote's system as outlined on chart, and am of the opinion that it must have proven valuable to the British Navy.

His system is very much like our own in a general way, that is body-building, recreation, and the encouragement of the "fighting" or "stick-to-itive" spirit.

One of my instructors, Mr. Blake, knows Commander Coote, having been under him at Portsmouth and Plymouth. Mr. Blake and I feel that Commander Coote's system, including as it does, the British field and recreative games, while admirably adapted for British boys, would hardly be adequate for Canadians, whose interests are centred in football, basketball, baseball, hockey, lacrosse, etc. Also our swimming methods are entirely at variance with his. We teach the "crawl" stroke with the aid of wings to fifty pupils at a time, while he teaches the breast stroke to individual pupils, using the swimming belt or float.

In a new university, such as Saskatchewan, Commander Coote might be valuable.

The question of salary would be vital. Commander Coote could hardly come under $6000. a year, which might be too much for a university to pay.

I would judge that Commander Coote and his system would be more suited to instruct them to Canada, as the instructions are more like the British in their work and play. Despite his brilliant record, I am of the opinion that Commander Coote would have a better field in the Militia or Naval Department in Canada than in university work.

Yours sincerely,
Jas. W. Barton
Physical Director.

Enclosures.

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SECRETARY'S OFFICE, HART HOUSE

Toronto,
March 24,
1920

Sir Robert Falconer,

President,

University of Toronto,

Toronto.

Dear Sir;

I believe it will be in the interests of our work to retain Mr. Corsan's services for the month of April this year.

Owing to the inroads made on the city teaching staff by the "Flu" epidemic, it was found necessary to have students of the Faculty of Education supply the shortage. This, together with the compulsory vaccination order, seriously interfered with the regular work in swimming; consequently these students did not obtain an adequate course.

Yours sincerely,

Jas. W. Barton

Physical Director.

March 27th, 1920

Dr. J. N. Barton,
Hart House.

Dear Dr. Barton:

After speaking to Dean Pakenham I have come to the conclusion that it is not necessary to retain Mr. Corsan's services for the month of April. He is of opinion that all the necessary work can be done otherwise.

Yours sincerely,

President.

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SECRETARY'S OFFICE, HART HOUSE

Toronto,
March 27,
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President Falconer,

University of Toronto,

Toronto.

Dear Sir;

Notwithstanding Dean Pakenham's opinion regarding Mr. Corsan's services, it must be apparent to you that the Faculty of Education students have had insufficient instruction in swimming this year.

Mr. Halbus, who gives instruction in physical work to the men of the Faculty of Education, is of opinion that the majority cannot quality this year for the Elementary Certificate granted by the Department of Education, owing to the interruptions mentioned in my previous letter.

I have no desire to commit the University to any unneccessary expenditure, but the fact is self-evident that the students did not receive the necessary instruction to properly pass the examination.

Yours sincerely,

Jas. W. Barton

Physical Director.